



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: TANIMOTO, Takeshi et al.

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For. IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND DEVELOPING DEVICE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: March 10, 2003

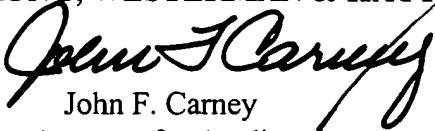
Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 10, 2002 for one month from February 10, 2003 to March 10, 2003.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$300.00, a one-month extension of time having already been filed on January 24, 2003, to cover the cost of the additional extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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